

LEED-ND:  
Building Neighborhoods that  
Reduce Our Carbon Footprint

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L - Leadership in  
E - Energy and  
E - Environmental  
D - Design  
*for*  
N - Neighborhood  
D - Development



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## Why LEED-ND?

- Transform the market
- Combine forces
- Fill in the gaps

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## LEED-ND Basics

- Rating system is currently in pilot phase
- Nine prerequisites
- Forty-nine credits totaling 106 possible points
- Forty points required for basic certification
- Fifty, sixty and eighty points required for silver, gold and platinum certification, respectively

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Smart Location  
and Linkages

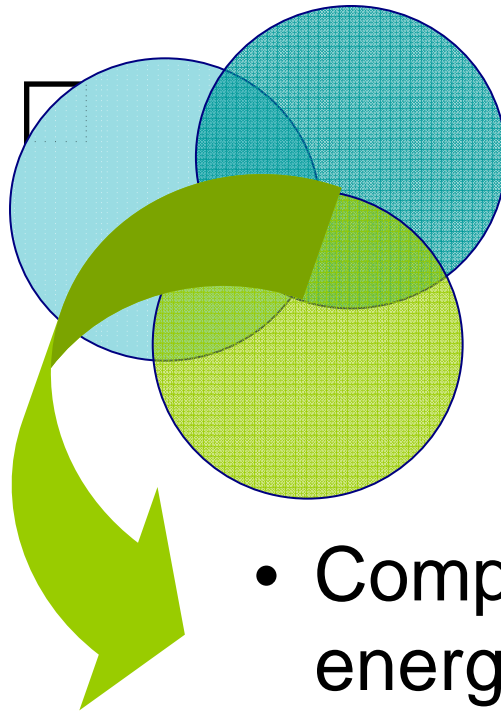
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FOR THE  
NEW  
URBANISM

Neighborhood  
Pattern and  
Design

GREEN BUILDING  
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- Comprehensive rating of energy performance
- Consideration of other environmental values
- Communities that are livable as well as economically and environmentally sustainable

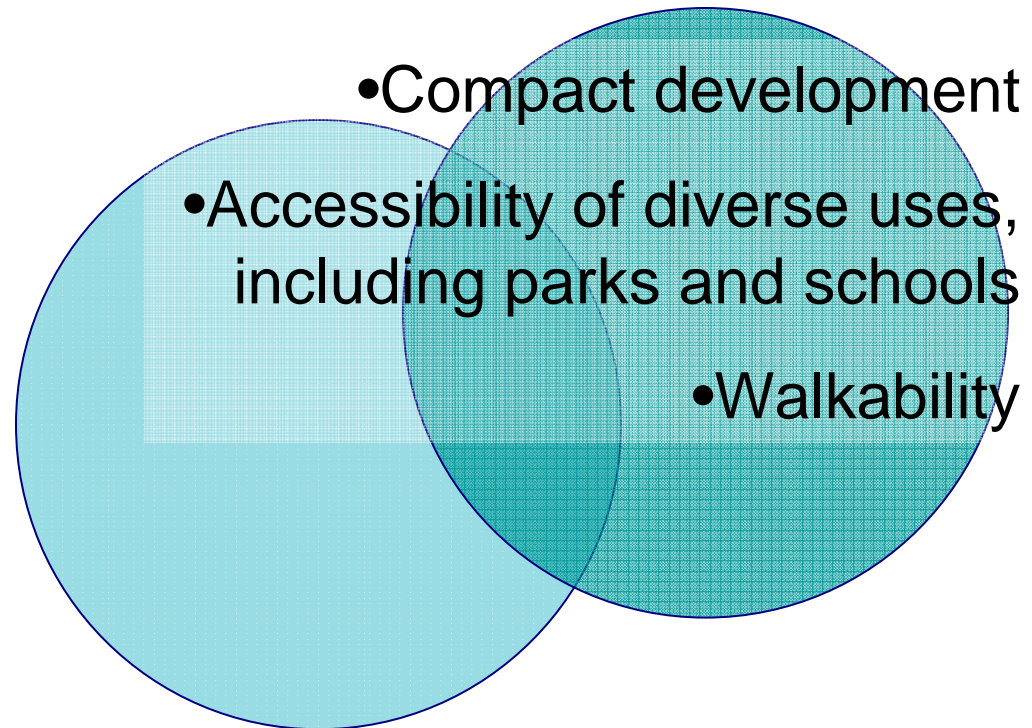
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## How does LEED-ND reduce the carbon footprint?

- Locations that are inherently more efficient
- Already-disturbed sites
- Preservation of carbon sequestration sites

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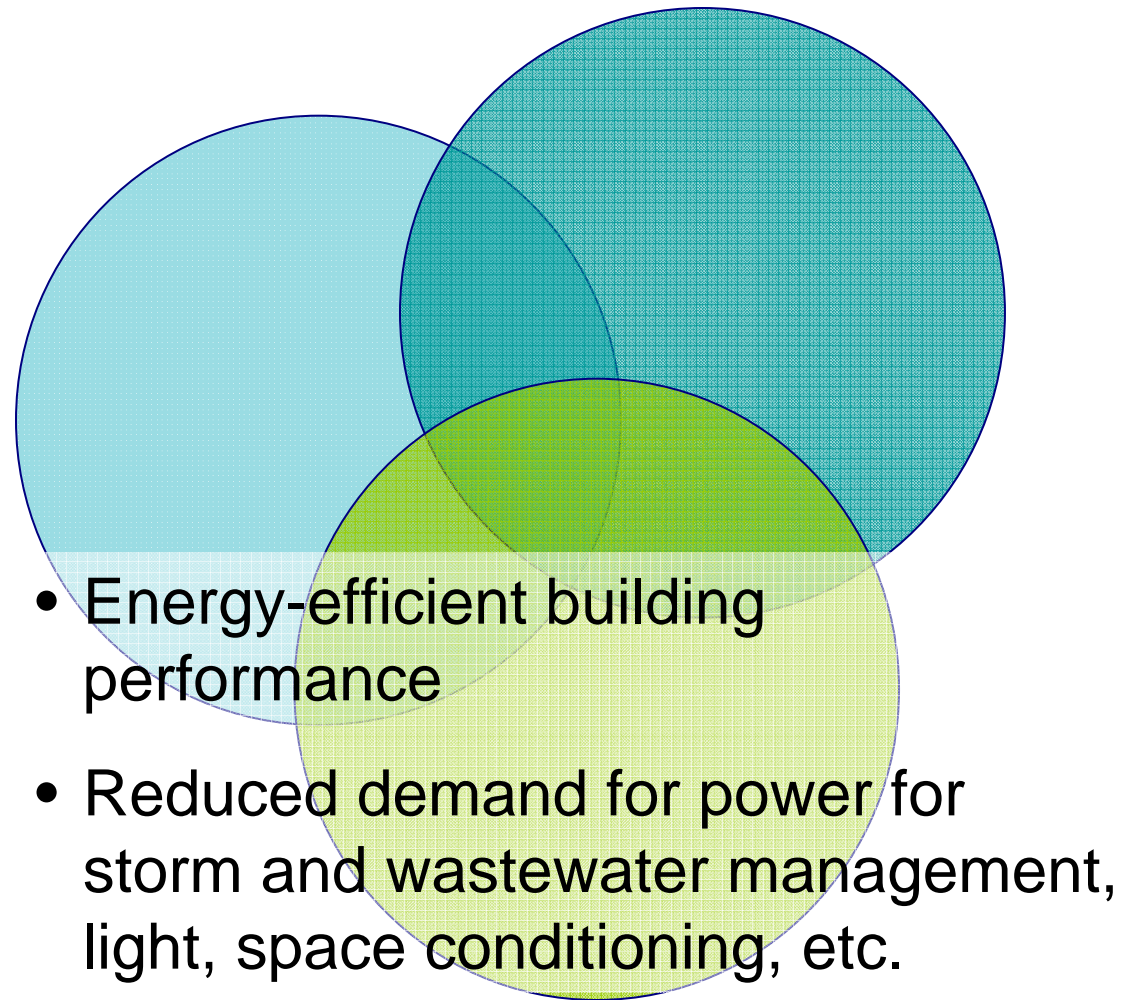
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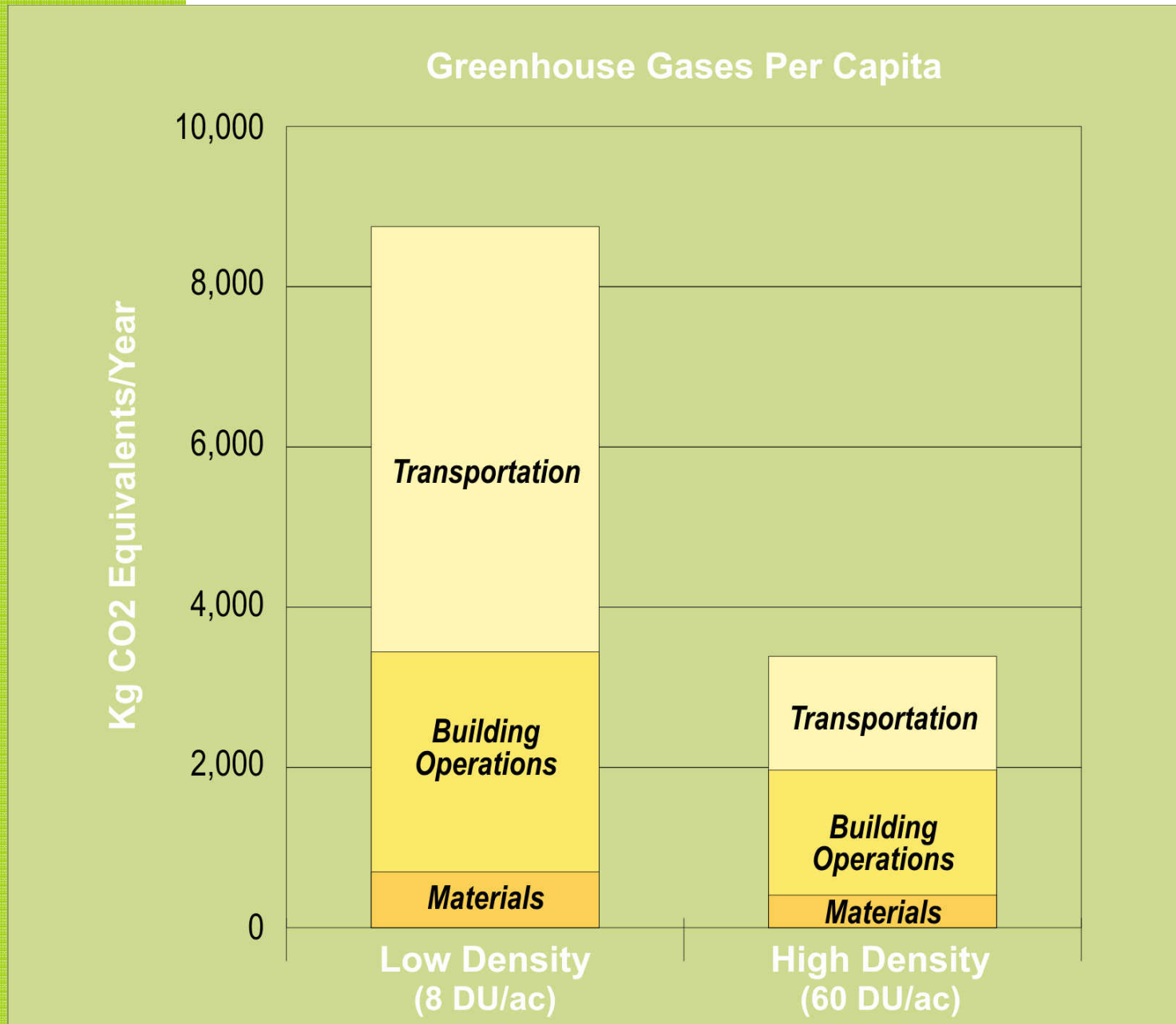




# How does LEED-ND reduce the carbon footprint?

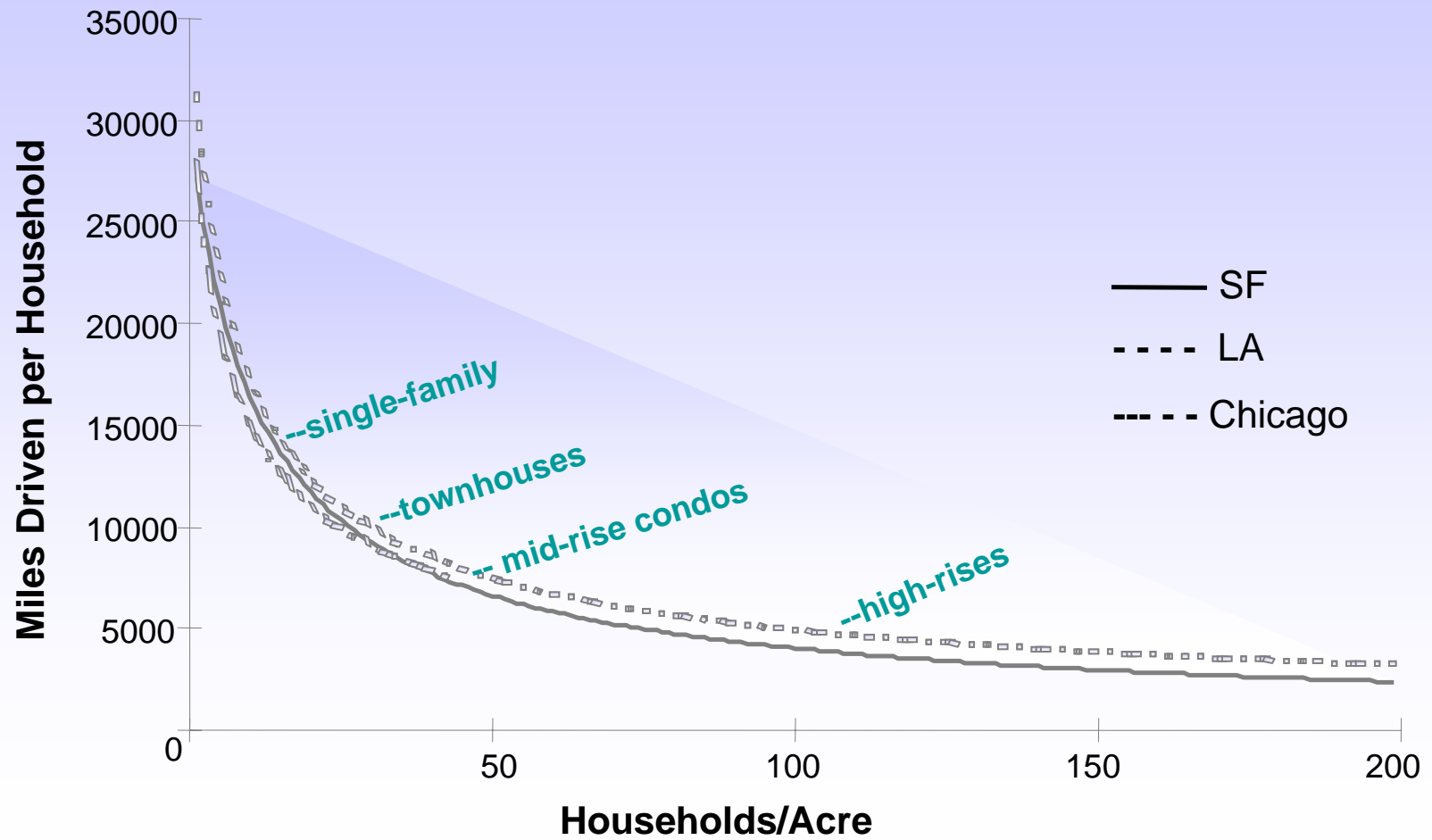
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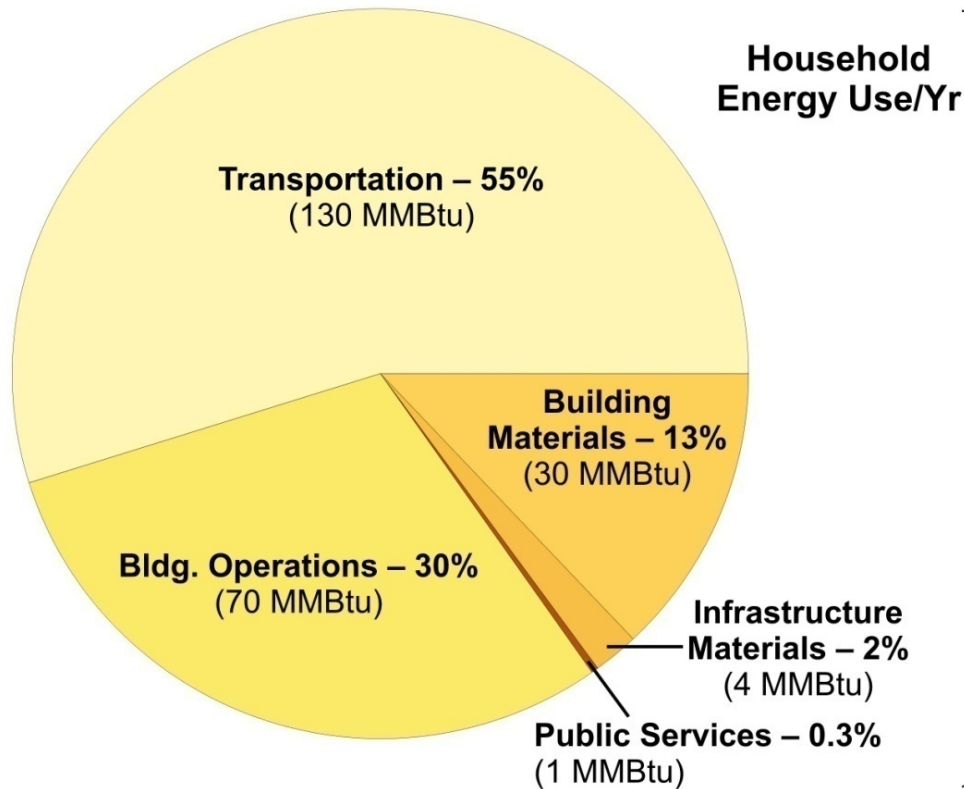


Source Norman, et al. ASCE 2006

## Driving vs. Residential Density



# What does it add up to?



Source: Criterion Planners

Potential Savings		Household/Year	
		MMBtu	CO <sub>2</sub> lbs
Transp.	25%	33	5,000
Bldg. Ops.	30%	23	3,000
		56	8,000

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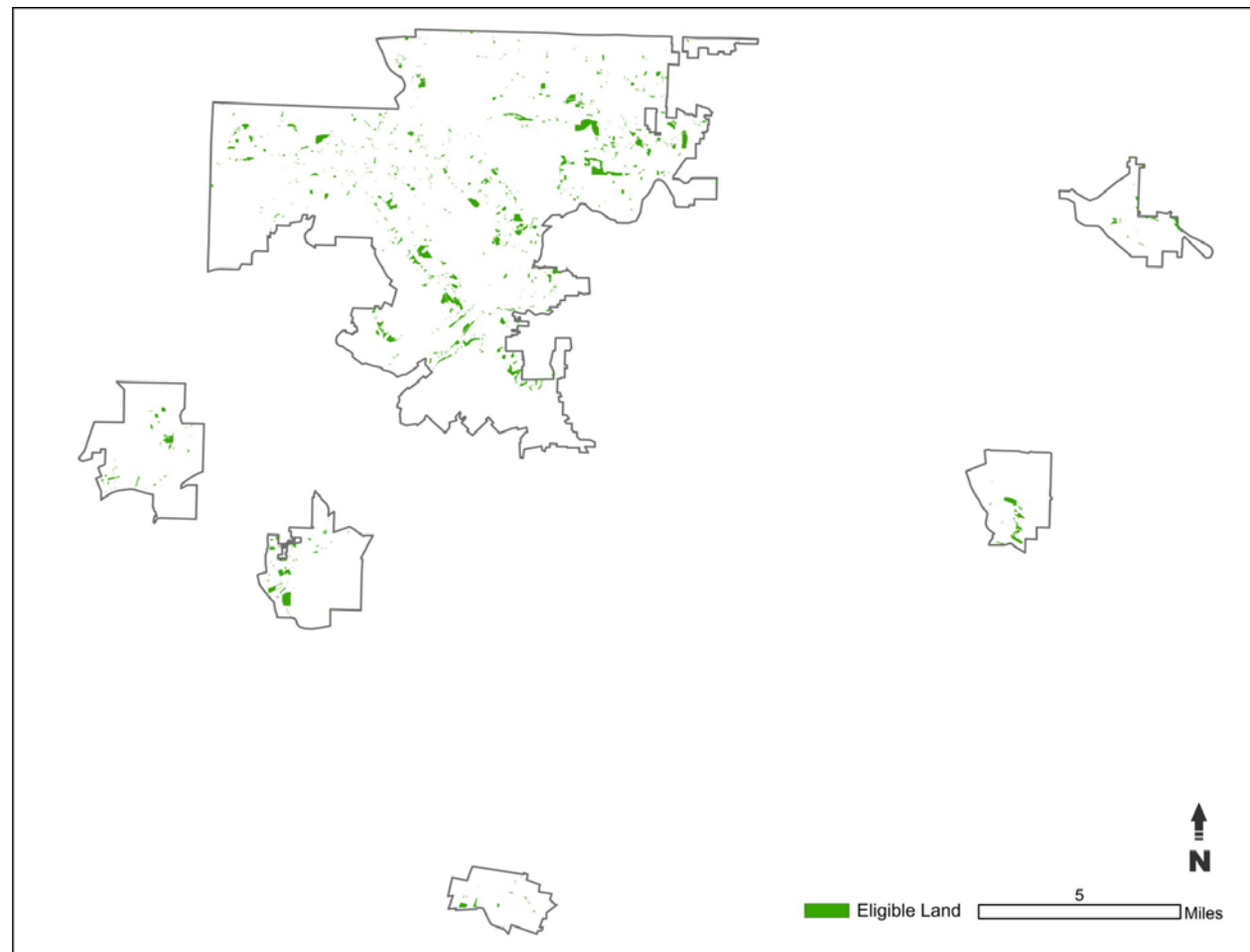
## Policy Applications - Basis for Incentives

- Fast-track permitting for projects applying for or obtaining green building certifications (Sarasota County)
- State support for certified projects (Illinois)

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## Policy Applications - Evaluation

- Analysis of potential development sites



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## Policy Applications - Evaluation

- Are current codes and ordinances creating barriers to energy-efficient growth?
  - Maximum densities below 7 du/acre or .5 FAR?
  - Required high parking ratios?
  - Required minimum street widths?
  - Required separation of residential and retail/commercial?

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## For further reference

- LEED-ND Pilot Rating System  
[www.usgbc.org/ShowFile.aspx?DocumentID=2845](http://www.usgbc.org/ShowFile.aspx?DocumentID=2845)
- Sarasota County Resolution  
[https://building.scgov.net/OSG/Sarasota/Green%20Building/Resolution\\_2006-174.pdf](https://building.scgov.net/OSG/Sarasota/Green%20Building/Resolution_2006-174.pdf)
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